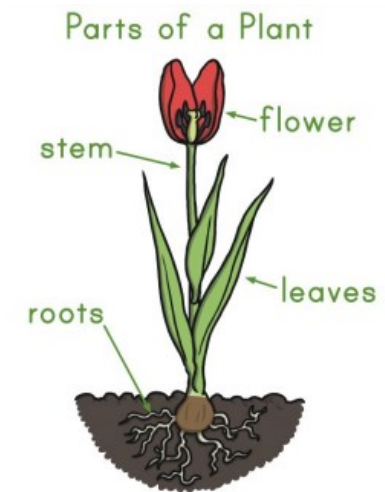


Plants

What you should already know.....

- Plants are a large group of living things that use sunlight to make their own food.
- There are many different kinds of plants, including trees, vines and grasses.
 - Plants have stems, leaves and roots and flowers.
- Some trees lose their leaves in winter (deciduous) and some keep their leaves throughout the year (evergreen).

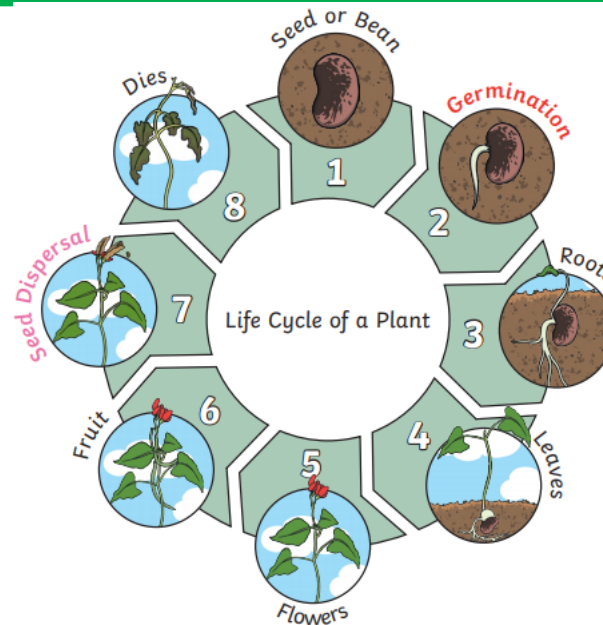


What do plants need to grow?

WATER and NUTRIENTS - Like all animals and humans plants need water and nutrients to survive. They are able to get water from the soil using their roots and make their own food in their leaves using sunlight.

SUNLIGHT - Plants need lots of sunlight to grow. Too little sun light will leave plants weak.

TEMPERATURE - Plants need the temperature to be just right for them to grow properly. If it is too hot they may burn and wilt. If it is too cold they may freeze and die.



Key Vocabulary

Germination - when a plant starts to grow. A plant is germinating when its seed begins to sprout.

Sprout - when a plant sprouts it shows new shoots.

Shoot - a shoot grows upwards from the seed or plant to find sunlight.

Stem - transports water around the plant.

Roots - absorbs water and keeps the plant anchored to the ground.

Flower - attracts insects to help them reproduce (make more plants).